

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 742 – SB 1230

March 18, 2015

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Authorizes any county emergency medical service provider, volunteer fire department, or volunteer rescue squad to request a criminal background check on any person applying to be an emergency medical services volunteer on or after July 1, 2015.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Increase Local Revenue – \$11,100/Permissive

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (004234): Changes language such that the amended bill authorizes any county emergency medical service provider, volunteer fire department, or volunteer rescue squad to request a criminal background check on any person applying to be emergency medical services personnel on or after July 1, 2015.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- This bill is not relevant to state operations.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 68-140-325(c), affected sheriffs will be able to recoup funds expended on background checks from the relevant county emergency medical service provider, volunteer fire department, or volunteer rescue squad.
- The cost for sheriffs to perform a background check is estimated to be \$29. It is assumed that local governments are currently incurring this cost without any reimbursement and revenue derived as a result of the bill will aid in covering such expenses incurred.
- The state of Tennessee has 191 volunteer fire departments funded exclusively by private donations or subscription services.
- At least one background check is performed each year by each volunteer fire department (or approximately 191).
- A similar number is performed by other fire departments, EMS services, and rescue squads, for a total of 382 background checks.
- The permissive recurring increase in local revenue is estimated to be \$11,078 (382 x \$29).

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CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Jeffrey L. Spalding". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "J" and a long, sweeping underline.

Jeffrey L. Spalding, Executive Director

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